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2016-2017 TEACHER LEADER GUIDE



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WELCOME TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

Educators Rising exists to help you guide your students toward a high-quality, hands-on exploration of teaching. As a national network, we are able to build resources and create connections that can significantly boost your impact day-in and day-out — and help you avoid “reinventing the wheel.”

Educators Rising resources are designed to be integrated directly into elective courses and CTE programs of study or used in extracurricular programs. Whether your program is cocurricular or extracurricular, these resources have been carefully crafted and curated to help students take their first steps on the path to great teaching.

This Teacher Leader Guide highlights the benefits of joining the Educators Rising community, including the EdRising Virtual Campus, scholarships, national competitions, and leadership opportunities. We look forward to collaborating with you and your students.

Here’s to a year full of excellent teaching and learning experiences!

MISSION

Educators Rising cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession.

VISION

Every teacher in America has the skills and experience to help all students achieve their potential.

TAGLINE

There’s power in teaching

ORGANIZATION NAME

Educators Rising

DO USE:

Educators Rising
EdRising (if necessary)

DON'T USE:

Educator’s Rising
ED Rising
ER
Other shortened or altered versions of the name

WHY SIGN UP

Creating a profile in the EdRising Virtual Campus is how teacher leaders and students join the national Educators Rising network! You need to be a member of the network to run or be part of a chapter, attend state and regional conferences, and enter national competitions. **During the upcoming year, we’ll communicate with you via email and the Virtual Campus.** Be sure to keep an eye out for our emails so you don’t miss important information on deadlines, resources available to you, networking opportunities, and more.



CREATE YOUR CHAPTER

Setting up your Educators Rising chapter is quick and easy. To establish your chapter, you and your students simply need to join the network through the EdRising Virtual Campus (educatorsrising.org/virtualcampus). **Joining the national network is free**, and you can set up a chapter regardless of whether or not there is an affiliate program in your area. *If your state or region is affiliated with Educators Rising, they may collect dues. Visit bit.ly/EdRisingAffiliates to contact your state/regional coordinator.*

GET STARTED NOW WITH THESE EASY STEPS:

1. Sign up additional teacher leaders.

You can add teacher leaders to your school by having them create profiles in the EdRising Virtual Campus, which will give them immediate access to most of the resources. Once the Educators Rising national office quickly approves them and connects them to your chapter (within one business day), they will also have access to the private Teacher Leader Community and the chapter's Student Management section.

2. Get your new students to sign up as well!

Your students also register by creating profiles in the EdRising Virtual Campus; they'll need valid email addresses to do so. When they sign up, they'll be asked to select their school, which will connect them to your chapter. (Don't worry — you'll have a chance to approve them before they can access anything in your private Chapter Community.) If you have returning students, they simply need to update their existing profiles at the beginning of each school year to stay connected to your chapter.

3. Approve students to access your Chapter Community.

When a student signs up, you will receive an email telling you that a new student has been assigned to your chapter, and you'll need to approve the connection. You'll want to approve students quickly after you receive these email notifications so they will immediately have access. (Waiting too long to approve students can slow down any momentum or excitement around your school's chapter!) Log in to the EdRising Virtual Campus and go to the Student Management section in the Teacher Leader Community. Set the "Filter By" dropdown to "All Students" to see who is waiting to be approved. Remember, approving students indicates that they are a part of your school's Educators Rising program and gives them access to your Chapter Community.

4. Tag your students appropriately.

When you approve your students, they will automatically be given the status of "current." At any time, you can change the status to "no longer affiliated" if a student is no longer part of your chapter. At the end of the school year, don't forget to set the status of graduating students to "alumn." This allows you to refresh your student list every year and keep it accurate, as well as stay in touch with alumni of your program who you might contact to be possible mentors or guest speakers.

5. Write a description for your chapter on the Chapter Community tab.

Make your Chapter Community page more inviting by including a short, personal message to your students. Click on "edit" to add text to welcome them to the Chapter Community and share ideas for how you intend to use the space and what you hope to accomplish with them over the coming semester or year.

If you have returning students, they simply need to update their existing profiles at the beginning of each school year to stay connected to your chapter.

6. Manage your chapter's discussion forum.

Your chapter has a private discussion board for you and your students to talk about content from the EdRising Virtual Campus, upcoming deadlines or activities for your chapter, or any teaching topic of your choosing. When setting up your Chapter Community, we suggest that you create several discussion threads to get your students started. Here are two ideas:

- ▶ Have students review presidential candidates' education platforms. Ask them to pick one candidate and analyze what makes sense, what doesn't, and whether they would or would not support this candidate based on his or her platform. Have them post their thoughts in your chapter's discussion forum.
- ▶ Ask students to review the Educators Rising Standards in the Get Prepared: Teaching Skills section or at educatorsrising.org/standards. Encourage students to select those that resonate with them and post their reactions, then dissect the meaning and purpose of the standards in class.

EDRISING VIRTUAL CAMPUS

Distinct from the public Educators Rising website (educatorsrising.org), the EdRising Virtual Campus (educatorsrising.org/virtualcampus) is a dynamic, free online community for our members with one goal: to help students become great teachers. It serves as the hub for all Educators Rising information and activities and includes:

- ▶ Videos of National Board Certified Teachers in action;
- ▶ Original content — like engaging articles and videos — to help students develop their teaching craft and prepare for college;
- ▶ A private Teacher Leader Community for connecting with peers and managing your chapter;
- ▶ An opportunity for students to submit portfolios and earn micro-credentials (starting in January 2017); and
- ▶ Information about the 2017 Educators Rising National Conference, national competitions, and other programs.

National Board Videos

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) created an extraordinary platform called ATLAS, which stands for Accomplished Teaching, Learning, and Schools. Their unique, online library is filled with authentic videos of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) at work in their classrooms, paired with highly detailed reflective commentary and instructional materials created by the featured teachers. While the videos (which are typically 15 minutes long) show accomplished teaching in action, the written reflections of NBCTs provide an extraordinary opportunity to get inside the minds of expert teachers.

In the Get Inspired section of the Virtual Campus, Educators Rising members can access 64 cases (National Board videos and reflective commentaries) straight from ATLAS. Sortable by subject and grade level, these cases are an extraordinary way to introduce aspiring educators to the profession.

To start integrating National Board videos into your program, check out Teacher Leader-in-Residence Deidra Gammill's handy how-to article, "The Transformative Impact of National Board Videos," which can be found in the Get Prepared: Teaching Skills section.

Resources and Tools for Developing Teaching Skills

In the Get Prepared section of the EdRising Virtual Campus, you and your students can discover more than 100 articles written by education experts, teachers, and students — all aimed specifically at supporting aspiring educators. This section of the Virtual Campus showcases content from powerful voices in education, including *Mindset* author Carol Dweck, National Teachers of the Year, and Global Teacher Prize finalists.

Resources for College Planning and Job Hunting

Aspiring educators need support when choosing the right postsecondary program, getting in, paying for it, maximizing the opportunity, and finding employment after graduation. The

Get Prepared section of the EdRising Virtual Campus features a library of articles, resources, and videos to help students on this journey.

Teacher Leader Community

Through the private Teacher Leader Community, you can connect with peers and access powerful program resources. Here you will find a variety of open-source curricula developed and used by teacher leaders across the country; resources to support your chapter's growth — like templates and best practices for marketing, activity planning, and fundraising; and discussion boards to ask for and share feedback or new ideas.

You can also utilize the Teacher Leader Community to manage your chapter; by approving students in the Student Management section, you confirm their connection to your chapter. During the year, you can quickly and easily message your students about upcoming events, deadlines, or Virtual Campus resources.



How to Use the EdRising Virtual Campus with Your Students

The content provided through the EdRising Virtual Campus can powerfully supplement the teaching courses you facilitate at your school. Feel free to adapt and use these materials in your program.

Looking for ideas? Check the Guide to the Virtual Campus tab in the Resources section of the Teacher Leader Community. The Teacher Leader Discussions section is also a great place to find (and ask for!) ideas on how other educators are using the Virtual Campus.

HERE ARE FOUR WAYS YOU CAN START USING THE VIRTUAL CAMPUS:

1. Kick off the year by sharing your profile pages.

Dedicate time in class or at a chapter meeting for students and teacher leaders to share and discuss their profiles (especially the “Why I Want to Teach” and “What I Want to Teach” sections).

2. Study Get Inspired: National Board Videos in-depth as a class.

These videos feature National Board Certified Teachers delivering high-quality instruction. Use one in class as a case study, and be sure to pause and leave time for discussion as the video unfolds. Lead students on a guided exploration of the downloadable “Instructional Materials” and “Reflective Commentary.” Assign a homework assignment to find one or two high-interest National Board videos, study them, take notes, and share findings with the group.

3. Show Get Inspired: Inspirational Videos at the start of class.

These TED Talks and other inspiring videos can motivate students and catalyze discussion. They make for a great opening activity!

4. Review recently posted competition guidelines with your classes.

Educators Rising national competitions are outstanding project-based learning opportunities that directly build the skills that excellent teachers need. Dedicate time in class for students to look through the available competitions and determine which they might be interested in pursuing.

The Virtual Campus is full of useful information, and we hope it will be an asset to you in the year to come.

Looking for more ideas? Check the Guide to the Virtual Campus tab in the Resources section of the Teacher Leader Community.

EDUCATORS RISING STANDARDS

Created with support from the National Education Association (NEA), who provided a generous grant award for their development, the Educators Rising Standards bring clarity and coherence to the question on so many Educators Rising teacher leaders’ minds: *Am I focusing on the right things?*

The seven standards define what high school students need to know and be able to do to take their first steps on the path to accomplished teaching. The standards represent a new, shared vision from the field; the teaching profession is mapping the front end of a coherent continuum, from the initial exploratory phase to entry into the profession to becoming an accomplished practitioner.

- ▶ **Standard I: Understanding the Profession**
- ▶ **Standard II: Learning About Students**
- ▶ **Standard III: Building Content Knowledge**
- ▶ **Standard IV: Engaging in Responsive Planning**
- ▶ **Standard V: Implementing Instruction**
- ▶ **Standard VI: Using Assessment and Data**
- ▶ **Standard VII: Engaging in Reflective Practice**

A diverse group of 12 practitioners formed the Educators Rising Standards Committee, including eight National Board Certified Teachers, two Educators Rising teacher leaders, and two State Teachers of the Year. The processes and protocols used to define the Educators Rising Standards were borrowed from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), who served as a partner and advisor at every stage of the project.

Learn more and read the detailed Educators Rising Standards at educatorsrising.org/standards.

EDUCATORS RISING MICRO-CREDENTIALS

Educators Rising is partnering with Digital Promise to offer six micro-credentials to students in our network. These will be available starting in January 2017 through links in the Get Active section of the Virtual Campus.

Mapped to the Educators Rising Standards, the Educators Rising micro-credentials (or digital badges) are performance-based assessments that provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their competencies on the road to great teaching. To earn micro-credentials, students upload their portfolios and have them scored by National Board Certified Teachers. Passing scores will help rising educators boost their résumés and showcase their skills.

NATIONAL STUDENT CABINET

One way Educators Rising helps students develop the strong leadership traits found in high-quality educators is through the Educators Rising National Student Cabinet. Among other responsibilities, these student leaders add their youth perspectives to education conversations at the national level; serve as Educators Rising representatives at local, state, and national functions; and collaborate with constituents to ensure that Educators Rising students have a voice in our program and event development.

The National Student Cabinet includes officers elected by the Educators Rising student membership in a national online election, as well as members appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of PDK International, Educators Rising's parent organization.

The deadline to apply for Educators Rising national student officer candidacy is January 20, 2017. Find more information in the Get Active section of the EdRising Virtual Campus, and follow along on social media using **#EdRisingCabinet** to see what this year's cabinet members are up to.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2017 Educators Rising National Conference will take place June 23–26, 2017, in Phoenix. All Educators Rising members can participate in this action-packed event filled with networking opportunities, competitions, and professional development for students and teachers alike; breakout workshops will feature national education leaders.

Conference registration opens on February 1, 2017, with early bird registration discounts ending on April 21, 2017. For details on how to register for this year's conference and enter national competitions, visit the Get Active section of the EdRising Virtual Campus.



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Educators Rising competitions offer developing educators exciting, authentic opportunities to measure their creativity, skills, and initiative against high standards and their peers from across the country. Some states and regions hold preliminary rounds for competitions, and the final rounds take place on-site at the Educators Rising National Conference in June. This year, we are offering 19 competitions for high school and middle school students, as well as three for college students. The deadline to register and submit entries for national competitions is April 21, 2017.



To download competition guidelines and rubrics, visit the Get Active section of the EdRising Virtual Campus. Please review the guidelines carefully, as they may differ from what is required for state and regional competitions.

Secondary Competitions:

- ▶ Children's Literature – Pre-K
- ▶ Children's Literature – K-3
- ▶ Creative Lecture (TED Talk)
- ▶ Educators Rising Leadership Award
- ▶ Educators Rising Moment
- ▶ Ethical Dilemma
- ▶ Exploring Education Administration Careers
- ▶ Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers
- ▶ Exploring Support Services Careers
- ▶ Impromptu Lesson
- ▶ Impromptu Speaking
- ▶ Inside Our Schools Presentation
- ▶ Job Interview
- ▶ Lesson Planning & Delivery – Arts
- ▶ Lesson Planning & Delivery – Career & Technical Education
- ▶ Lesson Planning & Delivery – Humanities
- ▶ Lesson Planning & Delivery – STEM
- ▶ Public Speaking
- ▶ Researching Learning Challenges

Postsecondary Competitions:

- ▶ Children's Literature
- ▶ Creative Lecture (TED Talk)
- ▶ Lesson Planning & Delivery

SCHOLARSHIPS

Through their affiliation with PDK International, rising educators are eligible to apply for more than 30 Prospective Educator Scholarships offered by the PDK Educational Foundation.

Scholarship applications will be available January 15, 2017, in the Get Active section of the EdRising Virtual Campus. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2017. Mark your calendar now and be sure to share this information with your student members who are applying to college and planning to major in education.



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow **@EducatorsRising** for teaching inspiration, exciting event pictures, deadline reminders (for scholarships, competition submissions, conference registration, and more), interesting articles and resources about teaching, and other fun content. Remind your students to connect with us, too!



Looking for more ways to connect with other teacher leaders? Join the closed Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/EdRisingTL.

SHOP THE ONLINE STORE

Have you checked out the Educators Rising store? In addition to tees and hoodies, we also have official Educators Rising polos that your students can wear in their student teaching internships, as well as participation cords to distinguish them at graduation. Shopping is quick, easy, and affordable. Browse the store at store.educatorsrising.org.



STATE/REGIONAL AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

Joining Educators Rising makes you part of a nationwide network of more than 15,000 members in over 49 states — all committed to making sure that students develop the skills and experiences needed to become great teachers.

At the national level, Educators Rising supports the implementation of cocurricular high school programs where students explore the teaching profession and gain hands-on teaching experience. Through our school-based chapters, local partnerships, statewide programs, and national outreach efforts, we provide teachers and school leaders with the resources they need to establish and teach these classes.

If your state or region is affiliated with Educators Rising, you may owe dues. Visit bit.ly/EdRisingAffiliates to contact your state/regional coordinator. You can also purchase official state/regional affiliate merchandise at cafepress.com/EdRisingAffiliates.

LEARN MORE

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Send us an email: info@educatorsrising.org

Give us a call: 800-766-1156

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